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SUBJECT: DANISH AMBASSADOR BORCH'S CALL ON IO
ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AT MARCH 7 MEETING DANISH AMBASSADOR
AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNES DISCUSSED AFRICAN ISSUES.
AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS CALLING ON MAYNES IN ORDER TO
REPORT ON CONVERSATION BEFORE NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS
MEETING IN OSLO MARCH 9. END SUMMARY.

2. RHODESIA: AMBASSADOR BORCH SAID HE WANTED TO DIS-
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CUSS AFRICAN SITUATION AND ONGOING SECURITY COUNCIL (SC)
SESSION. BORCH ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO
ENLARGE THE SCOPE OF THE RHODESIAN INTERNAL SOLUTION TO
MAKE IT CONSISTENT WITH ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN, AND NOTED
THAT TANZANIAN UN AMBASSADOR SALIM'S SPEECH ON MARCH 6
WAS SUBDUED. MAYNES RESPONDED THAT SALIM HAD PRIVATELY
TOLD US THAT THE AFRICANS WOULD BE FOOLISH TO INSIST ON

THE NKOMO POSITION (I.E., THAT ONLY HE AND MUGABE BE PERMITTED TO ADDRESS SC). US, MAYNES CONTINUED, WOULD FIND SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT UNACCEPTABLE. MAYNES SAID THE US WOULD LIKE TO SEE A SC RESOLUTION EMERGE WHICH WOULD BRING ABOUT THE CONVERGENCE OF NATIONALIST FORCES. HE REPORTED US HAS BEEN TOLD PRIVATELY BY BOTH NYERERE OF TANZANIA AND MACHEL OF MOZAMBIQUE THAT AT THE OAU FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN TRIPOLI, THE AFRICANS HAD SUPPORTED THE A/A PLAN. BORCH COMMENTED THAT DENMARK GENERALLY SHARED US VIEWS ON RHODESIA.

3. HORN: BORCH ASKED WHETHER WE DETECTED ANY UNEASINESS AMONG THE AFRICANS WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET-CUBAN ACTIVITY IN AFRICA. MAYNES GUESSED THAT AFRICANS WERE NOT OPPOSED TO WHAT CUBANS HAD DONE BECAUSE IT WAS IN SUPPORT OF THE PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. TANZANIA HAD INDICATED TO US THAT THERE WOULD BE A SHARP INCREASE IN AFRICAN CONCERN IF THE SOVIET/CUBAN FORCES CROSSED INTO SOMALIA, AND THAT SOME AFRICANS FELT SOVIETS AND CUBANS SHOULD LEAVE ETHIOPIA AS SOON AS SOMALIS ARE EXPELLED FROM THE OGADEN.

4. US AFRICAN POLICY: MAYNES SAID THAT ONE OF THIS ADMINISTRATION'S CLEAR SUCCESSES WAS THE CHANGE IN THE POLICY ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN THE US AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, A FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM PERSISTS: WITH RESPECT
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TO WORLD PROBLEMS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SEEMS TO SHIFT BETWEEN THE EXTREMES OF FAVORING (1) NOT DOING ANYTHING OR (2) MILITARY INVOLVEMENT. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SEEMS NOT TO WANT TO USE MEDIATING INSTRUMENTS, LIKE THE SC. MAYNES SAID THAT ONE STRUCTURAL REFORM WHICH THE USG IS CONTEMPLATING IS TO HOLD MORE CLOSED MEETINGS OF THE SC AS A WAY OF ENCOURAGING SERIOUS CONSIDERATIONS OF CURRENT ISSUES. BORCH THOUGHT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD REACT POSITIVELY TO THIS IDEA.

5. SOVIET ATTITUDES: BORCH ASKED WHETHER SOVIET POSITIONS ON AFRICA HAD SHIFTED AS A RESULT OF THE DEBATE IN THE US OVER THE LAST TWO WEEKS ON US-SOVIET RELATIONS. MAYNES SAID THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF A SHIFT. ON THE OTHER HAND, SOVIETS HAD NOT TRIED AGGRESSIVELY TO SABOTAGE OUR AFRICAN EFFORTS, PROBABLY BECAUSE THESE EFFORTS WERE SUPPORTED BY THE AFRICANS THEMSELVES.

6. SCANDINAVIAN INITIATIVE IN HRC RE UGANDA: MAYNES EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR INITIATIVE OF DENMARK

AND NORWAY IN THE UN GA WITH RESPECT TO UGANDA. IT HAD
LED TO SUBSEQUENT ACTION IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
WITH THE INVOCATION FOR THE FIRST TIME OF THE CONFIDENTIAL
1503 PROCEDURES. NOW THAT 1503 HAD BEEN BROUGHT INTO
PLAY ONCE, IT WOULD BE MUCH EASIER TO USE IT. BORCH
EXPRESSED THANKS, AND SAID THAT DURING THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY THERE HAD BEEN MUCH DISCUSSION AS TO WHETHER

THE NORWEGIAN/DANISH EFFORTS WERE WORTHWHILE; ALSO, AT
HOME, DANISH GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN CRITICIZED ON THIS
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